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# **BAYOG'S FIRST 90 DAYS FOR 2018**



Bayog features "LITES En SHADES"

LGU Bayog launched its new 12-point agenda last January 25, 2018 during a Community Party held at the Municipal Gymnasium with keynote speaker, Hon. Antonio H. Cerilles, Provincial Governor of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur attended by LGU officials and employees, barangay officials and folks, DepEd Bayog District and business sector.

"LITES En SHADES" is the acronym of Law Enforcement, Infrastructure Development, Tourism Development, Employment Generation, Sports, Development, Environmental Protection, Solid Waste Management, Health, Agriculture, Disaster Preparedness, Education, and Social Services.

Mayor Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. presents "LITES En SHADES", Bayog's new 12-point agenda at the gymnasium.

Moreover, other highlights of the program was the awarding of Performance Challenge Fund for Good Governance to the top 10 barangays where each received P500K worth of project and the Mass Oath-Taking of NGOs (Federated WEMRIC, Federated 4H Club, Federated Senior Citizens, and Federated Farmers).

Top 10 barangays awarded with P5K Performance Challenge Fund with their corresponding rating:

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	2. Balukbahan	_	78.20%	7. Salawagan	_	70.30%
	3. Kahayagan	_	72.60%	8. Dipili	_	70.10%
	4. Depore	_	72.20%	9. Bobuan	_	69.50%
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# THE LCE'S CORNER



"The appreciation towards civil service could be very beneficial in terms of empowering the youth and establishing trust leading to the spirit of nationalism." The year 2018 is upon us and it's looking like a bright one for its first 90 days. We have accomplished way beyond our expectations with all the efforts of the LGU (both officials and staff) and the people of Bayog.

In March we experienced the beauty and best practices of our counterparts in Luzon— Municipalities of Cavinti and Majayjay in Laguna Province and in Las Piñas. Also, the exciting business best strategies for people were introduced. We hope to emulate the same best practices for our people. Although, not all, we can still make use of the applicable programs and projects for our community.

Meanwhile, the LGU has presented a development proposal for health services for everyone. There were also in the process of improving disaster preparedness measures through partnerships with our stakeholders because the LGU cannot just do this alone. These programs envisions a more stable and sustainable Bayog. Thus, it needs a community with the same language and common goal.

In addition, our Municipality will continue to improve its infrastructure and tourism industry through the years. We hope to do upgrading and beautification in the tourists spots of Bayog as they start to draw tourists and prospective investors. This is another means of effectively introducing Bayog to the country and to the world.

I am also grateful towards the academic sector as their pupils and students are fully exposed to familiarize the LGU and its roles to society. We welcome requests for educational visits and on-the-job trainings for academic and personal growth of our young learners. The appreciation towards civil service could be very beneficial in terms of empowering the youth and establishing trust leading to the spirit of nationalism. Encourage them to be part of public service in the future as trust is more established within themselves.

Year 2018 looks like a year full of activity and promise. Together, we can accomplish a great deal. Pay it forward by volunteering and offering self-less service, same as what had happened during the fire incident at our public market last March 18. I highly commend those who helped in putting out the fire and closely monitoring/updating the public about the incident through social media. Indeed the people of this Municipality are one of the great things we can be proud of.

Bayog is a Municipality in the truest sense. I urge you to continue being part of it and enjoy what we have to offer.

Abante na ta sa Bayog!

LEONA ABASA, R., MBA, CPA

**Municipal Mayor** 

# Bayog RHU holds Program Implementation Review

Bayog Rural Health Unit (RHU) holds Program Implementation Review (PIR) with Local Chief Executive, Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. on February 14, 2018 at the Executive Conference Room, Municipal Government Center.

Output of this review were presented during the Health Summit on March 16, 2018 with DOH9 Regional Director, as guest at the Glupa Gulian Agro Tourism Eco Park.



# **BAYOG ONE STOP SHOP** earns support



LGU Bayog One Stop Shop for Business Permit and Licenses (BPLS) earns support from businessmen in the locality which was held last January 10-20, 2018 at the Ground floor Lobby of the Municipal Hall.

A total of 374 business permits were released within that period while the rest are still on process where its release are scheduled on the following week.

This one stop shop is held yearly for those who wants to avail fast and quick release of permit and licenses. It is performing very well for number of people who wants to avail this services are increasing each year.

For those who would like to apply and renew a business permit, you may comply the necessary requirements (Business License Application Assessment Form, Community Tax Certificate, Barangay Clearance, and Real Property Tax Clearance, Municipal Economic Enterprise Clearance for Public Market Occupants) before processing it.



#### Local Bodies convened for expanded meeting

To mitigate issues and problems affecting this LGU's 12 point agenda, "LITES En SHADES" (Law Enforcement, Infrastructure Development, Tourism Development, Employment Generation and Facilitation, Sports Development, Environmental Protection, Solid Waste Management, Health and Sanitation, Agriculture, Disaster Preparedness, Education, Social Services), Bayog Local Bodies held an expanded meeting on January 25, 2018 at the Municipal Gymnasium.

Local bodies that were involved include the Municipal Development Council (MDC), Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC), Municipal Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC), Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council (MADAC), Municipal Health Board (MHB), Municipal Tourism Council (MTC), among others.

Mayor Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. together with other officials and department heads on stage.

## OWWA gives assistance to Bayog OFWs

Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Region 9 gives cash assistance to 300 Bayog Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) on February 24, 2018 at the Municipal Gymnasium during a simple program with the theme: "Abot Kamay ang Pamilyang OFWs" who were affected by Typhoon Vinta last December 22, 2017 where active and inactive OFWs received P3K and P1,500 each respectively.

Present during the occasion were Mayor Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. together with some SB Members, John Lino N. Tingcang, CE, PESO Manager and personalities from OWWA Angie Encalla - Program and Services Head, Manolo Gallebo - Admin IV and Maricis Abastos – Family Welfare Officer.

There was a short program prior to the distribution where Bayog OFW Officers took their oath.

On the other hand, OFWs of the Municipality of Tambulig also received the same assistance since only Bayog and the latter in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur declared their town as in the "State of Calamity" during the said typhoon.

# E Bayog OFW Officers

Bayog OFWs during the distribution of cash assistance by OWWA -Region 9; and Bayog OFW Officers with LGU officials and personalities from OWWA after the oath taking.

Bayog	OFW	Officers	2018
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President	:	Erlindo Orcajo
Vice President	:	Armie L. Ragudo
Secretary	:	Prescilla M. Novida
Treasurer	:	Felisitas C. Deldacan

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#### **NEWS**

To be more ef-

## **Bayog and ZS municipalities inks** MOU

The Municipality of Bayog represented by Mayor Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. signed a Memorandum of Understand-



ing (MOU) on the establishment of Sibugay River Basin Flood Early Warning System Ridge to Reef Approach and Disaster Response Cooperation between and among the Municipalities of

Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur, Buug, Diplahan Imelda, Siay and Payao, all from Zamboanga Sibugay on February 27, 2018 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipal Government Center.

The occasion was witnessed by representatives of DOST 9, ROCD 9, PDRRMO and Mario A. Baterna, MLGOO VII/Cluster Head Zamboanga del Sur 2nd District.

#### BIR holds Forum on TRAIN LAW

Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Pagadian City District Office held a Forum on the new Tax Reform for Accelera-



tion and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations at the Municipal Gymnasium on February 12, 2018 with at least 50 participants from the education and business sector, and some LGU employees.

The BIR Team which was headed by Amion B. Macarampat, BIR Revenue District Officer conservatively discussed all the details

Amion B. Macarampat, BIR-Pagadian City District Officer lectures on TRAIN Law.

on the new tax law which was signed by President Rodrigo Duterte on December, 2017. He emphasized that this TRAIN Bill is the first tax reform package for a fairer and simpler tax system for the Filipinos which is to take effect on January I, 2018 and discussed how it affects everyone.

Here are some points taken during the forum about the TRAIN Law:

Increase take-home money and bonuses - every employee can now take home more than they did the previous years, but some goods will be priced higher from now on;

Excise on sugar-sweetened beverage and cigarettes;

Increase on Petroleum and Automobile Tax;

Estate tax, Donor Tax, and higher Documentary Stamp Tax:

No more Tax exemption in lotto winnings and cosmetic procedures

The effect on Value-Added Tax;

Tax Compliance will become simpler;

The government promises help - (P200 a month) Conditional Cash Transfer to poor families to cushion the impact of the law to the poor. For the next two years, this will be increased to P300 a month.

After the discussion, participants made queries on their apprehension towards the said new tax law.

## **RHU Summit plans improved** health services



Mayor Jun Babasa speaks to at least 100 participants of RHU Summit 2018

**Participants** were barangay officials together with their respective Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Nutrition Scholars, and RHU personnel. Also attending were the municipal officials headed by Local Chief Executive Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr.



sistant RD and company.

Dr. Emilia P. Monicimpo, Regional Director DOH 9 and Assistant Regional Director-DOH 9

#### MLGOOs hold conference in town



MLGOOs observed Bayog CCTV screens with Mr. Virgilio Q. Zamora, Municipal Administrator (in green polo shirt) at the  $2^{nd}$  floor of the Municipal Government Building

Municipal Local Government Operation Officers (MLGOOs) - DILG of 2<sup>nd</sup> District of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur held Mobile Conference in town at the Municipal Session Hall. After a short program, they proceeded to visit Bayog Municipal Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) Operation Center and to Glupa

Agro Tourism Eco Park, the center of Solid Waste Management Program of this Municipality.

## Joint Executive & Legislative Meeting for LGU computerization

A joint executive and legislative meeting was called last January 31, 2017 at the Executive Session Hall, Municipal Government Center to treat matters affecting possible integration of all computer program systems of the entire LGU operations.

Local Chief Executive Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. invited Mr. Rommel Remollo, Cagayan de Oro City to expound its significance.





#### NEWS

#### **5 ABANTE BAYOG**

## Senior High School studes on OJT to LGU Bayog



Senior High School students of Bobuan National High School and Bayog National High School underwent OJT Orientation from LGU Bayog through Mr. Virgilio Q. Zamora, Municipal Administrator and all LGU Bayog Department Heads.

Senior High School (SHS) students from Bayog National High School (BNHS) and Bobuan National High School (BoNHS) spent their on-job-training (OJT) at the municipal government offices of Bayog from January 24 – March 28, 2018.

A total of 87 BNHS students were immersed to the various job rules in the different offices where 31 of them belong to Section Silver who are taking General Academic Strand (GAS); 34 were from Section Copper who are concentrating on Computer System Servicing (CSS); and 22 from Section Diamond who are focused on Information and Communication Technology (ICT)-Computer Programming.

On the other hand, BoNHS did the same to their 18 SHS major in Agriculture. They were exposed to the jobs of LGU personnel assigned at Glupa Gulian Agro Tourism Eco Park headed by Mark Alester Jimenez, MENRO like Vermi culture (vermi culture substrate composed of rice hulls, rice straw, waste material of livestock and coconut); bio-processing of saw dust, rice straw, rice hulls and livestock waste materials, multiplier farm with domestic animals, wet buffalos, cattle, goat and swine; Cultural Park (cater meetings and conventions); and domestic animals (wet buffalos, cattle, goat and swine).

In addition to that, BoNHS studes also received trainings on bricket, semen collection of cattle, bonsai making, and mushroom production/plant propagation, natural and asexual breeding/propagation.

All of them spent 10 days on their immersion which is equivalent to 80 hours last January 2018.



## Kindergarten pupils visits Bayog LGU

Pupils from Jeanette Gorospe Mellida Memorial School Incorporated, a kindergarten school, visited Bayog LGU Government Center on January 30, 2018 as one of their route in their Educational Community Tour (ECT) to this Municipality.

The ECT was participated by at least 40 kids from Kinder I and Kinder 2, who were accompanied by their teachers and guardians. Itinerary of the tour includes Barangay Poblacion Government Center, AIM Coop, Bayog Municipal Police Station, LGU Bayog Government Center and Glupa Gulian Agro Tourism Eco Park.

## **MDRRMC** holds emergency meeting

Municipal Risk Reduction & Management Council (MDRRMC) calls for an emergency meeting due to Typhoon "Basyang" last February 13, 2018.

Classes in all levels in the municipality were suspended as it was announced as provincial wide.





## ZAMSURECO II conducts Information Drive

Zamboanga del Sur Electric Cooperative (ZAMSURECO II) holds Information Drive in this Municipality at the gymnasium last January 25, 2018 which was attended by some consumers.

Also present were the local officials and Engr. Herman B. Agpawa, Jr., General Manager-ZAMSURECO II.

# **Bayog celebrates Women's Month**



Mayor Jun Babasa gives an inspirational message during Bayog Women's Month Celebration 2018.

The Municipality of Bayog celebrates Women's Month on March 27, 2018 at the gymnasium with the theme "We Make Change for the Women" attended by at least 1,000 members of WEMRIC from the 28 barangays of this municipality with the local officials headed by Town Chief Executive Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. and Vice Mayor Celso A. Matias.

Honored guest was Hon. Aurora E. Cerilles, Congresswoman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District-Zamboanga del Sur (ZdS) who was accompanied by Ms. Terence Pulmones, ZdS WEMRIC Federated Provincial Chairman, Hon. Gelly Cagas, SB Member-Dinas, ZdS/WEMRIC Provincial Auditor, and Ms. Mahleen Bersales, Provincial WEMRIC Focal Person. Mayor Babasa in his message gave emphasis of what women can do to make change after he shared a Jordanian quotation from Ranya Al Abdullah which states "If you educate a woman, you educate her family, if you educate a girl, you change the future". Further he stressed that women plays an important role to

make change for the good of our community and to our country as well.

After the messages, the Pinakbet Cooking and ZAMBOROTIC Modern Dance Contest followed set by Bayog WEMRIC Federated President, Jocel Loriche Babasa participated by eight (8) competing teams.

The top three (3) winners were: PINAKBET COOKING First Place : Team Bacbac Second Place : Team Deocades

Third Place : Team Anlap ZAMBOROTIC Dance First Place : Team Deocades Second Place: Team Compacion



Timbermines

(TIMMULCO) entered into an agreement for the grant of CALAMITY LOAN

February 7, 2018 at the Municipal Government Center where parties were duly represented by Hon. Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr., Municipal Mayor and Mario A. Baterna, Chairman, BOD-TIMMULCO respectively, witnessed by Abraham P. Capayas, MDRRMO, and Engr. Jeremias E. Florida, MPDC/BOD-TIMMULCO together with Hon. Berly Jate, Barangay Chairman-Poblacion and Renie U. As-tillero, Project Development Officer III/BAMEA President/BOD-TIMMULCO.

The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was done last

Multi-Purpose

Cooperative

## LGU Bayog and TIMMULCO seal partnership

by the latter in case of disaster.

Bayog

and

LGU



Mayor Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. and Mr. Mario A. Baterna, Chairman, BOD TIMMULCO signed a Memorandum of Agree-

# DTI awards Bayog

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region 9 awarded LGU Bayog as  $3^{rd}$  Place in Resiliency Pillar in Zamboanga Peninsula for  $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$  Class Municipalities during the 2017 CMCI (Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index) Regional Awarding on January 16, 2018 at Garden Orchid Hotel, Zamboanga City.

The award was received by Local Chief Executive Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. together with Mary Rose A. Elardo, Management & Analyst IV/Local Economic Investment Promotion Officer (LEIPO).



"A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."



# Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas campaigns for fraud bank transactions

Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) through their representatives, Alberto Empleo, DMA, and Ramonnetto Gerosco, RS conducted a briefing on Counterfeit Detection and Information Dissemination on the New Generation Currency (NGC) banknotes at the Ground Floor of the Municipal Government Building on March 16, 2018 attended by at least 50 participants from the business sector, professionals and LGU employees.

The facilitators introduced the New Generation Currency (NGC) Banknotes of BSP the P20, P50, P100, P500 & P1,000 and NGC Coin Series: P10, P5, P1, P0.25, P0.05, P0.01 likewise briefs the participants on how to detect the real

banknotes, what to do in case you receive fake money, legal tender limit and some other important matters regarding banknotes.

#### HERE IS HOW TO DETECT REAL BANKNOTES: FEEL, LOOK and TILT

- \* Feel the paper and embossed prints;
- View closely the portrait, the watermark, security fibers; see thrumark and security thread; also for the concealed value, windowed security thread, optically variable ink (OVI) and optically variable device; and
- \* Check the microprint and fluorescent features.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED FAKE MONEY:

- I. Do not return to the owner/depositor;
- 2. Give/Issue temporary receipts to the owner/depositor;
- 3. Let him sign; if not, give the reason;
- 4. After five (5) days, send the money to the Central Bank through the nearest bank in your place; and
- 5. Refrain from writing the word "FAKE" in the banknote.

#### LEGAL TENDER LIMIT

- I. No limit to legal tender power bills;
- 2. Pursuant to BSP Circular No. 537 s. 2006 coins in denomination of:
  - a. P1 P5 shall be legal tender in amount not exceeding P1,000.00; and
  - b. P0.01 -.05, 0.10-.0.25 and 0.25 centavo shall be legal tender in the amount not exceeding P100.00

#### **CLASSIFICATION OF NOTES:**

- I. FIT Note can be accepted as payments and used as change
- 2. UNFIT Note can be accepted as payment and used as change
- 3. MUTILATED Note can not be accepted as payment, refer to bank or BSP for possible redemption

# REQUIREMENTS FOR REDEMPTION OF MUTILATED NOTES:

- I. Surface Area of 60%
- 3. Security Thread

2. Signatures

For more information please contact

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# **DTI** holds orientation on consumer's rights



"A well-informed and vigilant consumer is the best protected consumer", DTI upholds this line to protect consumers. (DTI's driving force in protecting consumers' rights).

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) holds orientation on Consumer's Rights last March 21, 2018 at the Ground Floor, Bayog Municipal Government Building attended by 60 participants (businessmen, students, teachers, and government employees) with facilitators Ma. Dinah M. Villena, Sr. Trade & Industry Development Specialist, and Jo Nico B. Locson, Trade & Industry Development Specialist.

Facilitators discussed thoroughly the topics like consumers' rights and protection against hazards to health and safety, protection of consumers against deceptive unfair and unconscionable sales acts and practices, provision of information and education to facilitate sound choice and the proper exercise of rights by the consumer, provision of adequate regis and means redress; and involvement of consumer representative in the formulation of social and economic policies.

Towards the end of the orientation a very timely topic was tackled where most of the participants can relate. This includes "How to protect yourself against on-line shopping fraud, text scams and agencies to approach".



Bayog Municipal Public Market during the fire



Fire volunteers and MDRRMO personnel tried their best to put off the fire.



The aftermath...

# **BAYOG Public Market razed to fire**

Fire broke in the peaceful Sunday evening at Bayog Municipal Public Market around 11:40PM on March 18, 2018.

Fire volunteers together with the Municipal Risk Reduction & Management Office (MDRRMO) personnel and some nearby residents in the site immediately responded in putting off the flames.

The fire burned into ashes temporary structures and consumed some areas of the market, like the dried fish and vegetable section, carenderia, rice retailers and other sari-sari stores.

Heavy equipment was brought later to tear down the structures so firefighters can reach the hot spots and were able to stop it before it spread to the rest of the buildings.

After an hours-long fight against the flames, the firefighter managed to get full containment around the fire and successfully defended other structures at around 1:00AM.

Investigation disclosed that there was no known cause of fire and its origin.

There were 57 stalls totally damaged, 4 stalls partially damaged and a total of 38 storeowners. All fire victims received cash assistance from Bayog LGU.

# LGU Bayog benchmarks good practices in Luzon



Participants of Bayog LGU Cross Learning to the Municipalities of Cavinti and Majayjay; Villar Foundation, Las Piñas City.

Bayog LGU Officials, department heads and key officials underwent to a 3-day cross learning from March 7-11, 2018 to the Municipalities of Cavinti, and Majayjay, all in Laguna Province and at Villar Foundation, Las Pinas City to benchmark on the good practices in tourism and solid waste management of the said local government units (LGUs).



Some male participants at Caliraya Lake

The team was divided into two groups based on the participants' flight schedule to Manila. The first group arrived in Laguna at past 2:00PM while the others made it to the venue late in the afternoon.

They stayed at the Caliraya Mountain Lake Resort just right beside Lake Caliraya in the Municipality of Cavinti. It is a peaceful place which is set up on top of the mountain of a 300 hectare property, a perfect place for golf course, zip line, fishing areas and restaurants. The stillness of the lake is very nice and where one can explore its beauty by renting a boat.

Although it was raining, but the beauty of the resort

still exudes. They took the Bahay Kubo accommodation; and everybody was excited on what will happen next after the arrival.

On the following day, right after breakfast, the Municipal Treasurer, of LGU Cavinti under the leadership of Mayor Milbert Oliveros, met them (Bayog delegation) for the ceremonial welcome at its Municipal Government Center. The participants were delighted to see the welcome streamer before the two-story building's entrance. Upon their arrival, the officials and heads of the offices cordially met handshakes. As they walked towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, some personnel sang welcome songs and ushered them to seats. There were also dancers in their best costume and performance... drinks were offered to some members of the team.

After the brief orientation of the town, each was given a souvenir: an item made out of indigenous materials (a brief case and a sambalilo), biko, and a shirt. They also went around the LGU to observe how the different offices manage their functions.



Cavinti's largest hat, holds Guinness World Record since August 1, 2016.

The LGU offered a festive lunch at the Caliraya Golf Club House, a 5,000 sq. m. Spanish-Mediterranean inspired place overlooking the golf course. Sumptuous foods were served at the veranda, and it was indeed a hearty meal! And after the group picture taking, they all went off to some of their tourism sites in the place.



Photos during LGU Cavin Ceremonial Welcome

Cavinti is a  $3^{rd}$  class municipality just like Bayog, but they are blessed to have beautiful sceneries which are now

turned into tourist destinations like the Caliraya Resort, Caliraya Paradise Resort, Cavinti Underground River & Caves, Pueblo El Salvador Natures Park and Bumbungan Eco Park, a nature and wild life areas. The town also holds a Guinness World Record for having the "Largest Sambalilo" or native hat since August 1, 2016. Every year the Sambalilo Festival is organized in the said town, and the hat is always part of the celebrations as it promotes tourism in Cavinti.

#### **FEATURE**

The first stop was at the St. Gregory Chcuch

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#### LGU Bayog benchmarks...

Day 2 of the cross learning was spent for Majayjay, a 4<sup>th</sup> class municipality of Laguna. Likewise, they cordially received the guests and noticeably the warm welcome was indeed genuine. Mayor Carlo Inventor B. Clado introduced the town's officials and department heads and personally gave the municipality briefer. Meanwhile, the delegates from Bayog took time to take photos as souvenir before taking off to the sites as part of

the itinerary.

Simbahan ng Majayjay built in 1575 by missionaries.

Next to the itinerary was Costales Nature Farms, the top agri-tourism destination in the Phil-

ippines found in Barangay Gagalot which lies at the foothills of

relief statues were preserved in this church.

Mt. Banahaw, Majayjay. Since 2005 it is one of the major single producers of organic, high value vegetables and herbs, organic chicken, eggs and pork for numerous hotels and restaurants and groceries.

The farm was also a nominee for the Top 100 sustainable destination in ITB Berlin in 2016, Sustainable Destinations Global Top 100 in 2014 and in National Geographic Traveler's Destination Stewardship Survey in 2004-2010. It is an accredited private extension service provider for the Agriculture Training Institute (ATI) of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), and Department of Tourism (DOT) which provides workshops on sustainable organic farming

comprehensive briefing

about the farm's humble beginning and its present successes - organic nature farms were built, the land, the structures and equipment; and the planting techniques employed to each varieties. After we have taken our meal, the exit conference followed and group picture taking, then they went back to Caliraya to rest.

On the next day, they passed by the town of Sta. Rosa to buy some items and continued the trip to Villar Foundation, founded by Sen. Cynthia Villar in Las Piñas City.

The foundation is known for its advocacy in the preservation of the environment, the establishment of social enterprise and livelihood projects from river rehabilitation, as well as the technology to process the waste into useful objects or materials.

With two personnel from the Foundation, they went to see first the recycling plant in Barangay llaya, a factory where plastic wastes are turned into armchairs to be distributed to school campuses in Metro Manila. The plant can produce 1,000 armchairs a month, which look like wooden pieces and comes with replaceable parts that is made out of about 24 kilos of mixed "soft plastics" such as those used for food wrappers. They came up with this idea after several researches made that improper disposal of plastic waste is the major cause of clogged

drainage, and eventually causes flooding, likewise spreading of diseases.

Accordingly, Villar

Foundation's mission is not only to clean and protect the environment but also to provide livelihood to

the poor. The identified beneficiaries in the foundation becomes the workers in the factory who are processing the recycled waste and taking good care of the citronella and bamboo plants at Las Piñas River banks.

Finally, all were set to prepare for their flight schedules home on Sunday, March 11.

The myriad benefits of educational trip are worth the time! It Participants were briefed how the inputs of citronella massage oil opened LGU Bayog's door to various opportunities. It had explored new and pandan leaves products are process. possibilities and gained better understanding on how to fit in with the

municipality's future plans and programs for a more sustainable solid waste management and the development of our tourism. There may be practices which are not yet applicable to Bayog LGU but these may be used as a springboard through some refinement or modifications to some existing processes.



Costales Nature Farms, top agri-tourism destination in the Philippines



Top to bottom: Vice Mayor Celso A. Mati-

as with two ladies from Villar Foundation;





# **DISCOVER BUKO FALLS**



Buko Falls is 2.3 km away from the Loading Point of Sitio Quibranza, Barangay Kahayagan. You can reach the place by taking a walk along the riverside of Dipli River. Big rock formations are evident on your way to the vicinity of the falls and as you move closer to the area, you will come across larger rocks. This will make your adventure more difficult since you will have to climb rocks with as tall as 4' to 6" ft. high. This water falls has three layers; the first is just about 25 ft. high, the second is about 4 ft. and the last towers as high as 70 ft.



After LGU Bayog and five (5) municipalities of Zamboanga Sibugay inks MOU on the Establishment of Sibugay River Basin Flood Early Warning System Ridge to Reef Approach and Disaster Response Cooperation



Mayor Leonardo L. Babasa, Jr. (center) with Dr. Emilia P. Monicimpo, Regional Director DOH9, (front right) together with DOH Team and Dr. Gretchen A. Dubrico, MHO (front left) on March 16, 2018 at the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

"WE must remember that one determined person can make a significant difference, and that a small group

of determined people can change the course of history."

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